



Bless the
Children
MINISTRIES



IMPACT
REPORT
2022



2022: A YEAR IN REVIEW

BTCM Family,

"In their hearts, humans plan their course, but the LORD establishes their steps."
Proverbs 16:9

Every year we step out in faith, trusting that God has given our ministry a vision to pursue and that He will bring it to fruition. In this step of faith, we rely on you, our family of advocates called to bring Gospel hope to children and families in Uganda.

This was a year filled with adversity: children re-entering school after two years of closure from Covid, inflation pushing families into poverty, and food scarcity placing added pressure on families already at risk of separation.

Despite these challenges and with your partnership, we've seen God's goodness prevail. We're reminded of the people who gathered around the healed paralytic in Luke 5 and said, "We have seen remarkable things today." We pray that as you read this report, you will feel those same words echoing in your heart as we celebrate the tremendous growth and impact that you've helped achieve.

For the kids,

Taylor Cochran
Executive Director

Greg Wright
Board Chair

Hedwig Mbazira
Ugandan Director



OUR WORK

Mission

To be the love of Christ to Uganda's orphaned and vulnerable children, equipping them to become authentic Godly leaders that transform generations

Method



Through family strengthening, foster care, and transitional homes, we work to reunify a child into a safe, loving, and permanent family.



We provide each child the opportunity to cultivate their God-given gifts and potential from pre-school to university or vocational school.



We help each child develop and nurture an authentic, personal relationship with God and with community.



YOUR IMPACT IN STORIES

FAMILY RESTORATION





Designed for Family: Maureen's Story

In 2014, 4 girls walked barefoot for two hours to ask for help from BTCM. They were orphaned, living with their grandparents and aunt, who became very ill and were unable to care for them. They told us there were young children in the home, and that they had all suffered from poverty. They had not been in school, had soap to wash, or eaten a decent meal in over a year.

The girls led us to their home, and upon arriving we realized the situation was even more dire than we imagined. The grandmother had recently been bitten by a snake, the grandfather was weak and ill, and the aunt was swollen from serious kidney disease. The grandparents begged us to take the children, believing they would all die if the children remained in the home. Before we were about to leave, two more little girls appeared.

One of the little girls at the home, Maureen, only had an oversized shirt and was severely malnourished. We would later find out she had been starved and abused because she was HIV positive and was considered a curse. We called for a doctor to care for the family while the girls were brought to BTCM's transitional homes. They were welcomed with open arms, a warm meal, soft bed, and safe home for the first time in over a year.

Designed for Family: Maureen's Story

Because the home situation was not safe for the girls to stay in, our social workers started searching for other relatives the children could be reunified with. After years of persistently searching, working with the local government officials, and the community, our team was able to find Maureen's father!

He had left her with his wife's grandparents years before when his wife died, which is very common in Ugandan culture. Being HIV+ himself, her father could not believe how healthy, smart, and full of hope Maureen was, despite her HIV+ status.

After many conversations and counseling, Maureen was able to be with him over the Christmas holiday under the supervision of BTCM's social work team! She was so excited to spend time with her family and bond with her father. She even enjoyed doing the village home chores!

She and the family will need continued family-strengthening support since they are very vulnerable, but this is a huge step for Maureen to feel belonging and connection with a permanent family. We invite you to pray for a continued successful reunification, and that more families will be strengthened to prevent separation.



YOUR IMPACT IN STORIES

EDUCATION



Education Stopped the Cycle

Oliva joined BTCM in 2008 when she was just 8 years old. Her parents passed away and her uncle tried to kill her in order to inherit their land. With no family in the village to support her, we knew she would need a strong support system and education to be prepared to sustain herself as she grew older.

The transition and trauma she experienced caused her to struggle in school. That did not stop the BTCM team from helping her be successful in her education. With the support of her teachers and social worker, she was given special help and tutoring, graduating from Canaan Primary!

Working as a team with Olivia, we decided the best step in her education path was attending a tailoring school. She felt empowered and excited, excelling all throughout her training.

After 15 years of loving, discipling, praying, and educating Olivia, she graduated her tailoring course and is living in the community. We are so proud of her perseverance and heart. We believe that God has prepared her to make an impact!

Did you know?

Uganda's youth unemployment stands around 64%. About 400,000 youth are released annually into the job market to compete for approximately 9,000 available jobs.



2008



2022

YOUR IMPACT
IN STORIES

DISCIPLESHIP



A Celebration in Heaven

At BTCM, discipleship is the backbone of everything we do. Whether playing soccer, helping with homework, washing clothes, or during small groups, our heart is always to teach our children how to follow Jesus and that their calling is to teach others the same.

Jesus tells us that there is immense joy in heaven when one person turns to God. Imagine the celebration that was happening when 57 children gave their lives to Christ! The whole BTCM family joined together and cheered, celebrating fruit from the seeds sown as each child emerged a new creation clothed in Christ.

**"I have no greater joy than to hear that my children are walking in the truth."
3 John 1:4**

Through our focus on discipleship, we heard testimony after testimony from children whose lives have been radically impacted!

- Bridget led her parents to accept Jesus!
- Robinah repented in front of her peers and committed to change.
- Felix led his friends in a salvation prayer during a youth conference.
- Moses made posters of scripture to put on the walls of his home.
- Hannah emerged from sorrow with purpose and hope.
- Joakim pushed through his fear and testified of God's goodness.



YOUR IMPACT IN NUMBERS

For children to experience deep and lasting impact, there has to be a focus on the whole child. All parts of each life need individual attention: physical, spiritual, emotional, social/educational, and family care. These numbers reflect the countless hours of prayerful work by supporters and staff who are called to make a holistic impact and spread Gospel hope to children and families.



35

Children reunified into
a permanent home

57

Families empowered,
caring for 322 children

5

New Foster
Families



279

Students Served at
Canaan Primary School

100%

Graduation rate to
high school

22

Babies received specialized
developmental care



57

Children baptized

160

Children participated in
a weekly small group

3

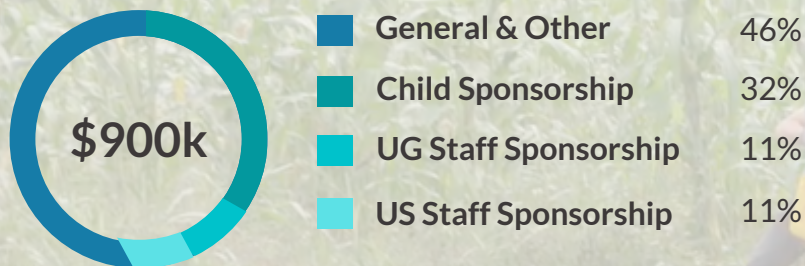
Youth conferences held for
hundreds of children to grow
in their faith

2022 FINANCIALS

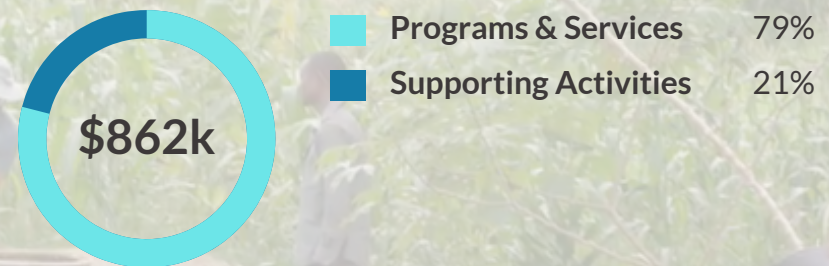


2022 Income & Expense

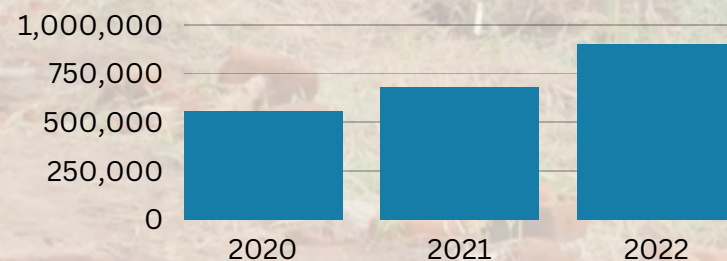
Income



Expenses



Revenue Growth



Distribution of Funds

More than 79 cents of every dollar goes directly to providing programs and services for children and families in Uganda. The remaining 21 cents of every dollar is used to provide supporting activities that fuel our mission, such as leadership development, fundraising expenses, sponsorship administration, and accounting services.

2023 VISION

Radical Pursuit



Direct Ministry

1. 72 families successfully strengthened
2. 5 new foster families recruited
3. 50 guardians participating in a savings group & business training
4. Ensure the highest standards of care in BTCM's Children's Homes
5. Implement intentional discipleship of children, families, & staff
6. Advance the academic & spiritual growth of children at Canaan Primary by adopting innovative teaching methods

Supporting Solutions

1. Acquire land to launch sustainability projects
2. Implement Uganda's succession process
3. Invest in staff development to increase capacity for growth
4. Lay the foundation for a development effort that will fund BTCM's future vision and growth.



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